

ACCUSED OF FRAUD

Olin Bryan and W. A. Mason
Charged with Conspiracy.

PRESENTED BY GRAND JURY

Former President and Ex-treasurer
of United States Surety Company
Under Cloud—Case Grows Out of
Trouble Over Discovery that Capital
Stock Had Not Been Paid Up.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Baltimore, Md., March 19.—Olin Bryan, formerly president, and Walter A. Mason, formerly treasurer and a member of the board of directors of the United States Surety Company, were both presented to-day by the grand jury on the charge of conspiring to defraud the United States Surety Company of the sum of \$49,500 on or about March 30, 1906.

The witnesses given in the presentment papers are C. Schreiner, of the United States Surety Company; Harry M. Mason, of the Commercial and Farmers' Bank, and J. Markham Marshall, of New York. Bail in the case of Bryan and Mason was fixed at \$3,000 each. Bryan appeared before the grand jury this morning. Mason is now in the West on government business, having recently been appointed a national bank examiner.

It is said that his specific case grows out of the troubles of the United States Surety Company last summer, when it became known that the capital stock had not been fully paid up at the time the company began business.

Protest Against Mason.

It is recalled that the Baltimore Clearing House Association recently protested against the reappointment of Walter A. Mason as a national bank examiner, based mainly on his former connection with the United States Surety Company. Comptroller Rogers ignored the protest and said that Mason would not be assigned to that territory. The matter was then put up to President Roosevelt, who turned the case over to Attorney General Bonaparte for investigation.

Olin Bryan was deputy city solicitor during the term of former Mayor Thomas C. Hayes, and when Senator William Pinkney Whyte resigned as city solicitor early in 1903, Bryan succeeded him. He was also State Senator from 1899 to 1902.

Mason's Baltimore Career.

Walter A. Mason came to Baltimore about four years ago, after having made a reputation as a national bank examiner. He became president of the Commercial and Farmers' Bank and started a campaign of advertising along very original lines for Baltimore, as a result of which, however, the bank immediately began growing. The bank owned the building on South street, which was purchased by the United States Surety Company, and in part payment took \$100,000 worth, or 100 shares, of the capital stock of the company. Mason went on the company's board to represent the bank as a director and was also elected treasurer. Mason was recently elected as president of the Commercial and Farmers' Bank, and his reappointment as national bank examiner has been anticipated by the local clearing house association.

THREE AUTOISTS FINED.

Searchers on Glen Echo Road Taken
Before Mayor Garrett.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Glen Echo, Md., March 19.—Three autoists were found guilty of violating the speed limit of Glen Echo, and each one deposited \$25 with Mayor John A. Garrett.

The first one hailed before Mayor Garrett was A. C. Vicory. The next was Mrs. M. Q. Davidson, of Washington, who, when charged with running her machine at eighteen miles an hour, smiled and said: "I guess I am guilty. What is the fine?" Whereupon Mayor Garrett informed her \$25. She immediately paid. After her departure Vicory began to tell the mayor about Mrs. Davidson's chauffeur, who, he said, at one time was the chauffeur for the Queen of Italy, and Mrs. Davidson had secured him to drive for her when she was in Italy last year, paying him a handsome salary to come to America. A portion of his story was borne out by Mrs. Davidson, who said to Mayor Garrett that her chauffeur was an Italian. The last to face the mayor was Gen. Charles L. Fitzhugh, of Washington, whose case was settled the quickest on record in Mayor Garrett's Court. When the general was charged with having run his machine at eighteen miles an hour, he told the mayor that he had several ladies waiting for him in the auto. He quickly told his thanks to the mayor, and congratulated him upon his effort in breaking up the scorching, shoo-k hands, and departed, after being in the mayor's office exactly two minutes.

FALLING WALLS KILL TWO.

Workmen Crushed to Death Under
Debris of Collapsed Building.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Baltimore, March 19.—The two-and-a-half-story brick house at 283 North and-a-half street collapsed this morning, instantly killing two workmen. The dead are: LOUIS B. MOFFET, of 123 East Lombard street, and JACOB DALYX, of 123 East Lombard street. At the time of the cave-in four men were at work tearing down a portion of the building preparatory to making repairs. Those who escaped were Louis B. Balyan, a son of Jacob Balyan, who was caught by the falling walls, and Jacob Geston, of 1070 Granby street. The scene of the accident is in one of the most densely populated districts in Baltimore, and the police had trouble in keeping the crowd back and but for their numbers might have had trouble when the bodies were found.

Mayor Bernard Paralyzed.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Rocky Mount, Va., March 19.—James A. Bernard, mayor of this municipality, a gallant Confederate soldier, who served with distinction as a captain of infantry, having participated in the charge at Gettysburg, was stricken with paralysis at his home in his Lewis, and after a few days he died. He has been speechless since, and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

New Educators Elected.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Richmond, March 19.—The State board of education met to-night and selected two new members in place of E. C. Glass, of Lynchburg, and John T. West, of Norfolk county, whose terms expired. Their successors are L. M. Lynch, of Frederick, and Supt. McClesney, of Bristol.

Mrs. Rebecca D. Lewis Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Winchester, Va., March 19.—Mrs. Rebecca D. Lewis died to-day at her home after a protracted illness, aged eighty-seven years. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church of this city, and was the widow of John Lewis, and leaves three sons and four daughters.

JACOB M. THORNE DEAD.

Prominent Politician and Business
Man Passes Away.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Falls Church, Va., March 19.—Jacob M. Thorne died this morning at his residence near here, following a long illness. Soon after the close of the war he accepted a position in the internal revenue service, locating at Winchester, in 1867, where he remained until 1872, when he located here, connecting himself with the Munson Hill nurseries, with which he remained until his death. In 1885 he was elected a member of the Virginia legislature. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was also a member of Kemper Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was a director of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

In 1887 he was married to Mary E. Roberts. His widow and nine children, five daughters and four sons, and seven grandchildren survive him.

WEDDED AT ROCKVILLE.

Two Couples Visit Maryland Town
for Marriage Ceremony.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Rockville, Md., March 19.—George Buchanan Smith, aged twenty-one years, and Miss Sadie Rosina Darsey, aged eighteen years, both of Washington, were married here this afternoon by Rev. S. R. White, the ceremony taking place at the home of the minister. The young folks returned to the city immediately after the ceremony.

Yesterday afternoon Henry P. Ewing, aged thirty-three years, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Grace M. Shannon, aged twenty-three years, of Chicago, were married here by Rev. Thomas J. Packard, rector of Christ Episcopal Church. They left for Washington soon after the ceremony.

PLANS NEW STEAMSHIP LINES

Merchants and Miners' Company to
Consider Question To-day.

Capital Stock to Be Increased as Result
of Acquisition of Philadelphia-Boston Route.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Baltimore, March 19.—The stockholders of the Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company will hold their annual meeting to-morrow at noon, and it is expected that considerable action looking to an increase in the capital stock will be taken. This step has been made necessary by the purchase from the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad of the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Company. All the details of the deal have not been made public yet, and it is understood that as soon as they are worked out the company may arrange for new lines, the principal one of which will probably be to Jacksonville, Fla., and it is also possible that new lines may be started to other Southern ports from here.

The capital stock of the Merchants and Miners' Company is now \$2,000,000, but the company has the right under its charter to increase it to \$5,000,000. The Boston and Philadelphia Company has a capital stock of \$1,500,000, but, as is the case with the Merchants and Miners', its property is valued at considerably more than the company is capitalized for. In some quarters it is believed the amount to which the capital of the Merchants and Miners' Company will be raised will not exceed \$5,000,000.

TRUST COMPANY FORMED.

Articles of Incorporation Issued for
United States Concern.

Articles of incorporation for the United States Trust Company were placed on file yesterday in the office of the Register of Deeds. The concern, according to the papers, is authorized to do business for the period of twenty years, and its authorized capital stock placed at \$1,000,000, which is divided into shares of \$100 each. The object of the company is to conduct a general banking business, and the officers named are Daniel N. Morgan, president; C. J. Rixey, William J. Oliver, and R. W. Beall, vice presidents; Charles A. Douglas, general counsel and trust officer; Richard E. Claughton, treasurer, and James Trimble, secretary.

As incorporators appear the officers mentioned and the following: Joseph F. Birch, Jr., T. Franklin Schneider, Charles W. Beall, J. Spring Pool, Charles Hall Davis, M. A. Winter, Gerson Nordling, Andrew Glass, W. H. Martin, C. E. Wood, W. L. Penfield, O. T. Martin, William G. Carter, Charles W. Semmes, R. D. Midyette, James M. Baker, P. M. Rixey, H. A. Kite, Owen Owen, Frank P. Milburn, W. Wallace Chiswell, Creed M. Chubb, South Trimble, and Joseph H. Bradley. Attached to the certificate is a grant of a charter signed by H. B. F. Macfarland and Joy J. Morrow for the District Commissioners.

"The Potomac School" is the name of an enterprise for which papers of incorporation were filed yesterday. The object of the school is the education of youth in instruction usually given in primary departments of schools, and as incorporators appear Hottel Fairfax Harrison, Ellen Varden Thorne, Charles Mack Murray, Margaretta Crozier Reburn, Grace Davis Lee, and Edith Draper Blair.

First Maryland Inspected.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Hagerstown, Md., March 19.—Capt. William Baird, U. S. A., retired, and Col. Charles D. Gaither, acting inspector general of the First Brigade, to-night inspected the regimental headquarters of the First Maryland Regiment, Col. Charles A. Little, commanding, and also Company B, of the First Regiment, Capt. George L. Fisher commanding.

Mexican War Veteran Dies.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Staunton, Va., March 19.—John Peor, Staunton, oldest citizen, is dead here, having succumbed to the infirmities of old age. He was a veteran of the Mexican war, and was also a gallant soldier in the civil war. He was in his eighty-ninth year. He leaves one daughter, Miss Della Peor.

Miss Jennie Smith Weds.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Winchester, Va., March 19.—In the presence of a few intimate friends, at her home, Miss Jennie Smith, only daughter of the late Jack Smith, of Gore, this county, was married this afternoon to Mr. C. Garvin, formerly of this county, but now a prominent business man of Greensboro, N. C. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. A. Pearson, pastor of the Baptist Church, after which the bride and groom left on a Northern tour.

Request for Hearing Granted.

The request, from Linthicum Institute for a hearing before the Commissioners, relative to the erection of a fire escape on their hall, on O street, between Thirty-first and Thirty-second streets northwest, was granted yesterday. The date has not been determined.

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Lawyers Question Appointment
of Judge Barley.

BISHOP POTTER MAKES GIFT

New York Churchmen Sends Ten
Beautifully Bound Volumes, Appropriately Inscribed, to the Library
of the Episcopal Theological Seminary—Free Kindergarten Benefit.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU.
(By Telephone 113.)
Corner of Prince and Kent Streets.

Alexandria, Va., March 19.—In connection with the assumption by Judge Louis C. Barley of the duties of the Circuit Court Judge, the question has been raised by members of the bar in the Sixteenth judicial circuit as to whether the judge has power under the law to perform the various duties and functions of a judge in vacation. It is contended that the statute under which the governor acted, in appointing Judge Barley to the position, a full appointment to the position, and not a designation, at least for more than a short time. An elaboration of these views, with extensive quotations from statutes, was made public to-day, and was this evening the subject of animated discussion in this city as well as in many other places in the circuit.

Bishop Potter Sends Books.

A present, consisting of ten volumes, beautifully bound, has been made to the library of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, near this city, by Bishop Potter, of New York. In each volume is the following inscription: "To my most dear mother, the Theological Seminary of Virginia, from her grateful and loving son, Henry C. Potter," the signature being in the handwriting of the bishop. The binding was done especially for the set presented to the seminary.

Benefit for Kindergarten.

A musical given by the directors of the Alexandria Free Kindergarten, assisted by Mrs. Oscar Carter, at Lee Camp Hall this evening, was attended by a large audience. The programme included solos by Mrs. Hulsh, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Wools, and Kenneth Ogden and Richard Will, with Miss Armstrong as pianist. Polka music was played. Several selections were rendered by the Alexandria Mandolin Club. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the kindergarten work.

Announcement is made of the appointment

of W. L. Pierce, formerly superintendent of the Jacksonville division of the Southern Railway, to the position of assistant superintendent of the Washington division of the road, with headquarters in this city. Mr. Pierce succeeds A. R. Cone, who was recently promoted to be superintendent of the Richmond division of the Southern.

The Men's League of the First Baptist

Church has made arrangements for a public meeting for men to be held in the church on the evening of the first Monday in April. Addresses will be delivered by a number of prominent speakers.

Arrangements have been made by the Presbyterian Brotherhood of the Second Presbyterian Church for a public meeting for men at the church next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The address will be delivered by Mr. Percy Foster. Following this the next public meeting will be Monday night, April 1, when an address will be made by Mr. Charles F. Neel.

BUFORD TO RUSH RELIEF.

Editor Klopsch Will Send \$100,000
Worth of Provisions to China.

The War Department yesterday notified the State Department it had placed the army transport Buford at the disposal of the Red Cross Society for the transportation of food supplies to China for the relief of the famine sufferers. The assignment of the Buford for this purpose was made at the request of Louis Klopsch, editor of the Christian Herald, who has notified the State Department that he will load the ship with provisions. Her capacity is 5,000 tons, and Mr. Klopsch intends to supply the entire cargo which will be in addition to the contributions which he has heretofore made for the relief of the Chinese sufferers, through the various agencies which he has employed to collect money for the work which he has undertaken. It is estimated that no less than \$100,000 will be required to supply a cargo of 5,000 tons of the Buford is now at San Francisco and will sail for Shanghai, where the distributions will be made, as soon as she can be loaded, and all possible haste in the relief of the famine sufferers, through the various agencies which he has employed to collect money for the work which he has undertaken. It is estimated that no less than \$100,000 will be required to supply a cargo of 5,000 tons of the Buford is now at San Francisco and will sail for Shanghai, where the distributions will be made, as soon as she can be loaded, and all possible haste in the relief of the famine sufferers, through the various agencies which he has employed to collect money for the work which he has undertaken. 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